

PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNAVOIDABLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)		Docket Number (Optional) MS1 - 0407US
First Named Inventor: Scott A. Field	Art Unit: 2131	
Application Number: 09/489,192	Examiner: Kaveh Abrishamkar	
Filed: 1/20/2000		
Title: Methods and Systems for Protecting Information in Paging Operating Systems		
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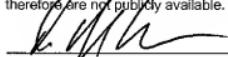
3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

- Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ _____ for a small entity or \$ _____ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. An adequate showing of the cause of the delay, and that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) was unavoidable, is enclosed.

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NOTE: The following showing of the cause of unavoidable delay must be signed by all applicants or by any other party who is presenting statements concerning the cause of delay.



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(In the space provided below, please explain in detail the reasons for the delay in filing a proper reply.)

Applicant respectfully submits that it acted in a reasonably prudent fashion by timely filing the drawing corrections, contacting the PTO on 9/15/2005 with regard to the acceptance of the replacement drawing, and verifying that same day – through the PTO's own electronic patent application retrieval service (PAIR) – that the appropriate corrections had been made by the PTO. Additionally, Applicant submits that it acted in a reasonably prudent fashion by corresponding with Miss Lewis of the Publication Department of the PTO and following her instructions diligently.

Especially pertinent here is an excerpt from *In re Mattullath*, cited above and reproduced at 711.03(c) of the MPEP itself, which provides guidance with respect to unavoidable delay (emphasis added):

The word 'unavoidable' . . . is applicable to ordinary human affairs, and requires no more or greater care or diligence than is generally used and observed by prudent and careful men in relation to their most important business. It permits them in the exercise of this care to rely upon the ordinary and trustworthy agencies of mail and telegraph, worthy and reliable employees, and such other means and instrumentalities as are usually employed in such important business. If unexpectedly, or through the unforeseen fault or imperfection of these agencies and instrumentalities, there occurs a failure, it may properly be said to be unavoidable, all other conditions of promptness in its rectification being present.

As the above guidance clearly indicates, Applicant's reliance here on the PTO's employees ("worthy and reliable employees") and PAIR ("other means and instrumentality usually employed in such important business") exhibits at-least as much care and diligence as observed "by prudent and careful men in relation their most important business". Here, "unexpectedly" and through the "unforeseen fault or imperfection of these agencies and instrumentalities", there occurred a failure which caused Applicant to be unavoidably delayed.

Accordingly, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.137(a) and MPEP §711.03, Applicant respectfully requests that the PTO (1) revive the subject application based on unavoidable delay and (2) forward the application on to issuance.

***Please see additional attached sheets (with statements and exhibits) ***

(Please attach additional sheets if additional space is needed.)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Serial No. 09/489,192
Filing Date January 20, 2000
Confirmation No..... 5535
Inventorship Scott A. Field
Applicant Microsoft Corporation
Group Art Unit 2131
Examiner ABRISHAMKAR, KAVEH
Attorney's Docket No. MS1-407US
Title: Methods and Systems for Protecting Information in Paging Operating
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1 This petition is filed under 37 CFR §1.137(a) entitled “Revival of
2 Abandoned Application - Unavoidable”. This petition is pursuant to a decision
3 mailed by the Director’s Office (Office of Public Publication) on 5/1/2006. The
4 decision dismissed Applicant’s petition filed under 37 CFR §1.181 entitled
5 “Petition to the Director”. The decision additionally stated: “Petitioner should
6 seek relief by the filing of a Petition to Revive an Abandoned Application under
7 37 CFR § 1.137.”

8 Accordingly, these additional sheets, which accompany completed form
9 PTO/SB/61, contain statements and exhibits establishing that any delay was
10 unavoidable. Applicant respectfully submits that the level of care and diligence
11 undertaken by Applicant was *at-least* that of a reasonably prudent person.
12 Therefore, since decisions regarding petitions for the revival of abandoned
13 applications (unavoidable delay) are based upon a **reasonably prudent person**
14 **standard**, Applicant respectfully requests that the PTO (1) revive the subject
15 application based on unavoidable delay and (2) forward the application on to
16 issuance. (*In re Mattullath*, 38 App. D.C. 497, 514-15 (1912) (quoting *Pratt*, 1887
17 Dec. Comm’r Pat. 31, 3233 (1887)); see also *Winkler v. Ladd*, 221 F. Supp. 550,
18 552, 138 USPQ 666, 667-68 (D.D.C. 1963), *aff ’d*, 143 USPQ 172 (D.C. Cir.
19 1963); *Ex parte Hen-rich*, 1913 Dec. Comm’r Pat. 139, 141 (1913); MPEP
20 711.03(c)).

21 In a review of the status of this application on 04/18/2006, Applicant
22 became aware that the status was listed as “Abandonment for Failure to Correct
23 Drawings/Oath/NonPub Request.” A review of the “Transaction History” of this
24 application on PAIR on 04/19/2006 shows the following entry: “**09-15-2005**
25 **Correction – Drawing NOT Required.**”

1 Applicant did indeed timely file the drawing corrections and respectfully
2 submits that this application should not have been abandoned. Furthermore,
3 Applicant submits that it acted in a reasonably prudent fashion and that any delay
4 was unavoidable. Herewith, in accordance with §1.137(a), the following
5 statements and exhibits establishing unavoidable delay are submitted:

- 6 1. Applicant prepared and timely filed Replacement Drawing Sheet 2
7 in response to the Office Action Dated 11/28/2003. The
8 Replacement Drawing Sheet 2 was filed on 03/24/2004 and is
9 included as Exhibit A. Replacement Drawing Sheet 2 was printed
from PAIR and indicates receipt by the Patent Office.
- 10 2. This Response was filed by Express Mail using the procedures set
11 out by the PTO. Accordingly, a Transmittal Form and Certificate of
12 Express Mailing was completed on 03/24/2004 by Cheryl Boies and
13 Express mailed, along with the Response, to the PTO. The return
14 receipt postcard is attached as Exhibit B.
- 15 3. Applicant's representative contacted the PTO on 9/15/2005 with
16 regard to the acceptance of Replacement Drawing Sheet 2 which
17 was filed on 3/24/2004. The PTO corrected their records and made
18 an entry in the "Transaction History" of this application on PAIR
19 which indicates "**09-15-2005 Correction – Drawing NOT**
20 **Required.**" This printout from PAIR is attached as Exhibit C.
- 21 4. The Issue Fee was paid on 09-15-2005.
- 22 5. On 04/18/2006 a review of the status of this application was
23 performed (see printout attached as Exhibit D). On 04/19/2006, a
24 call was made to the Publication Department of the PTO with regard
25 to the abandonment status of this application. Pertinent documents
pertaining to the replacement drawings were faxed to Miss Lewis.
In a subsequent phone call from Miss Lewis, we were instructed to
prepare a Petition to be submitted to the PTO to have the
abandonment withdrawn.

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8 Dated: 5-18-06

9 Respectfully Submitted,

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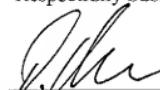
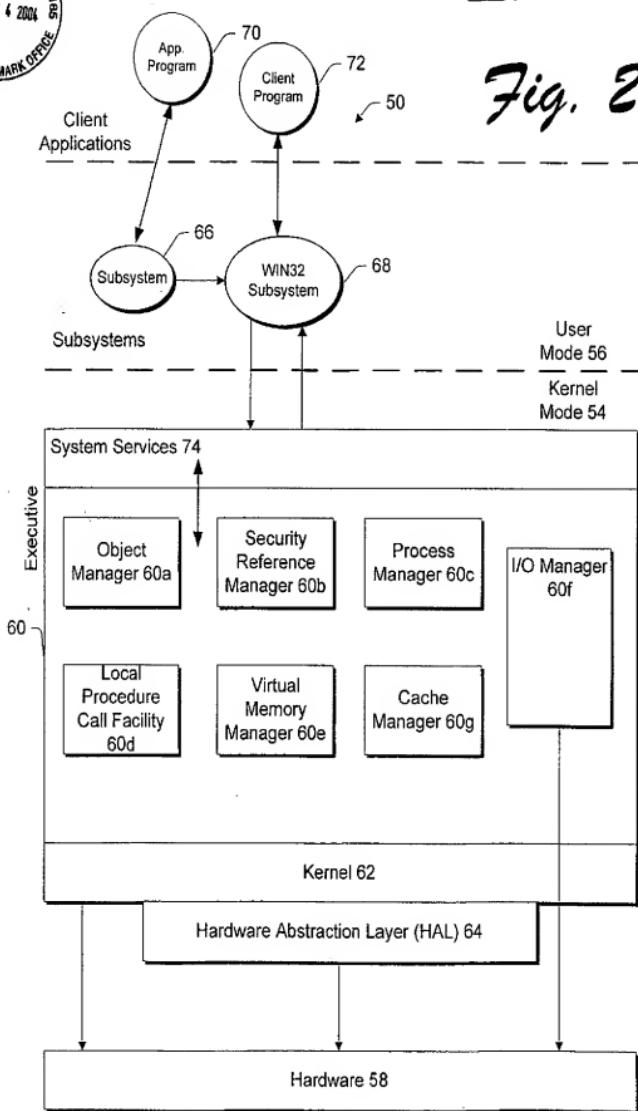




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Fig. 2

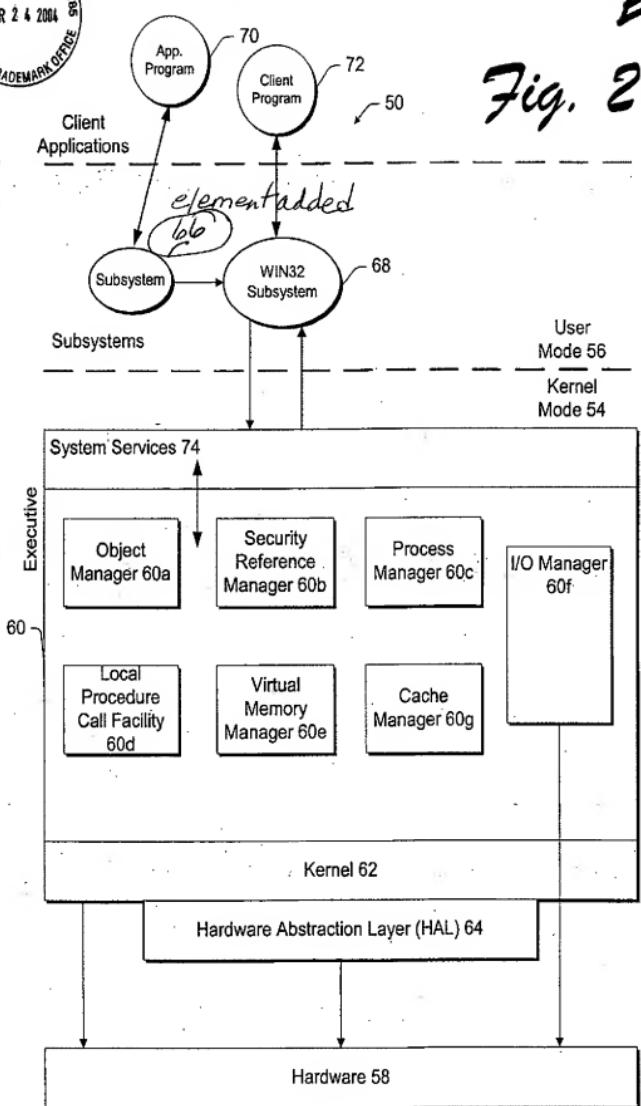


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Fig. 2



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Inventorship: Field

1. Transmittal letter
2. Fee Transmittal
3. Petition for Extension of Time
4. Response to Office Action Dated 11/28/2003 (27 pages) →
5. 1 sheet replacement drawing (Fig. 2); 1 sheet annotated drawing
6. Return Post Card



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EXHIBIT B



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04-17-2006	Abandonment for Failure to Correct Drawings/Oath
02-07-2006	Receipt into Pubs
01-04-2006	Dispatch to FDC
01-04-2006	<u>Application Is Considered Ready for Issue</u>
09-15-2005	Correction - Drawing NOT Required
09-15-2005	Issue Fee Payment Verified
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09-13-2005	Receipt into Pubs
09-07-2005	Mail Notice of Allowance
09-07-2005	Mail Formal Drawings Required
08-25-2005	Formal Drawings Required
08-25-2005	Notice of Allowance Data Verification Completed
08-25-2005	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
07-30-2005	Date Forwarded to Examiner
07-22-2005	Amendment after Final Rejection
06-13-2005	Mail Final Rejection (PTOL - 326)
06-08-2005	Final Rejection
04-09-2005	Date Forwarded to Examiner
03-29-2005	Response after Non-Final Action
01-05-2005	Mail Non-Final Rejection
12-30-2004	Non-Final Rejection
11-20-2004	Date Forwarded to Examiner
11-20-2004	Date Forwarded to Examiner
11-15-2004	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
11-20-2004	DISPOSAL FOR A RCE/CPA/129 (express abandonment)
11-15-2004	Request for Extension of Time - Granted
11-15-2004	Workflow incoming amendment IFW
11-15-2004	Workflow - Request for RCE - Begin
10-13-2004	Mail Advisory Action (PTOL - 303)
10-08-2004	Advisory Action (PTOL-303)
09-23-2004	IFW TSS Processing by Tech Center Complete

09-23-2004	Date Forwarded to Examiner
08-18-2004	Amendment after Final Rejection
03-07-2000	Oath or Declaration Filed (Including Supplemental)
03-24-2004	New or Additional Drawing Filed
08-18-2004	Workflow incoming amendment IFW
06-18-2004	Mail Final Rejection (PTOL - 326)
06-14-2004	Final Rejection
06-10-2004	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
04-06-2004	Date Forwarded to Examiner
03-24-2004	Response after Non-Final Action
03-24-2004	Request for Extension of Time - Granted
11-28-2003	Mail Non-Final Rejection
11-25-2003	Non-Final Rejection
10-29-2003	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
08-12-2003	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
11-06-2001	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
10-06-2000	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
07-14-2001	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
10-06-2000	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
03-07-2000	Affidavit(s) (Rule 131 or 132) or Exhibit(s) Received
03-02-2000	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
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METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR PROTECTING INFORMATION IN PAGING OPERATING SYSTEMS

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